

**REMARKS**

In the Official Action, the Examiner required an election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-18, drawn to a system, method and program for managing secondary distribution of a content by using a settlement log and settlement processing, classified in class 705, subclass 52.

Group II: Claims 19-33, drawn to a system, method, and program for restricting the number of inter-generation deliveries of content in which the content is sequentially delivered from a content providing user device to a content receiving user device, classified in class 705, subclass 51.

Group III Claims 34-45, drawn to a system, method and medium for managing users in a transaction of the content wherein the content is formed in a secure container which stores information of a usage control policy, classified in class 705, subclass 52.

Group IV: Claims 46-60, drawn to a system, method and program for performing a content settlement processing which comprises a content providing user device for transferring the profit distribution information to one of a service provider and a clearing center wherein the service provider and a clearing center performs the settlement processing for the profits, classified in class 705, subclass 52.

Group V: Claims 61-79, drawn to a system, method and program for restricting the number of secondary deliveries of content by the creation of information of a usage

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control status and the checking on the number of usage control-status secondary deliveries, classified in class 705, subclass 51.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of Group I. Accordingly, claims 19-79 in Groups II, III, IV, and V have been cancelled.

Respectfully submitted,

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